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SUBJECT: ELECTION REPORT NUMBER 28

1. DURING MARCH 7 PLENARY SESSION CONGRESS APPROVED MEMBERSHIP OF A 31-MAN SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO REVIEW PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION RETURNS AND MAKE FINAL DETERMINATION OF RESULTS. SPECIAL COMMITTEE, HEADED BY PID DEPUTY GUILLERMO VALDES TIBLE, INCLUDES TEN OPPOSITION CONGRESSMEN, OF WHOM EIGHT CAN BE CONSIDERED LOYAL TO OPPOSITION FRONT. COMMITTEE LIST WAS SELECTED BY COALITION-CONTROLLED CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP BUT OPPOSITION RAISED NO SERIOUS OBJECTIONS. RENE DE LEON SCHLOTTER AND OTHER OPPOSITION REPRESENTATIVES USED THE OCCASION TO HEATEDLY DENOUNCE THE FRAUDULENT MANNER IN WHICH VOTE COUNT HAD BEEN MADE BY ELECTORAL COUNCIL. DEPUTY VINICIO CEREZO SIERRA, DCG REPRESENTATIVE ON THE COUNCIL, NOTED THAT "FINAL" TALLY ANNOUNCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT DARIO SOTO WAS BASED SOLELY ON TELEX REPORTS, AND COUNCIL MEMBERS HAD NOT BEEN PERMITTED TO EXAMINE THE MORE RELIABLE VOTING TABLE TABULATIONS (ACTAS). OPPOSITION CONGRESSMEN DEMANDED THAT THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE EXAMINE COPIES OF ACTAS IN THEIR POSSESSION

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AS WELL AS THOSE SENT TO ELECTORAL COUNCIL, WHICH

ALLEGEDLY WERE ALTERED PRIOR TO PASSING THEM TO CONGRESS.

2. COMMENT: CONGRESS' COUNT OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION
BALLOTS COULD THEORETICALLY REVERSE THE LAUGERUD
VICTORY ANNOUNCED BY DARIO SOTO MARCH 7, BUT IN VIEW
OF THE GOVERNMENT COALITION'S FIRM CONTROL OVER
CONGRESS, SUCH AN OUTCOME IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY. THE
DCG AND FRONT-AFFILIATED PR CONGRESSMEN PROBABLY VIEW
THE CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION REVIEW AS ABOVE ALL AN
OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THEIR OPINIONS KNOWN TO THE PRESS
AND THE PUBLIC. END COMMENT.
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